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For: MULTI-CHANNEL IMAGE ENCODING APPARATUS AND ENCODING
METHOD THEREOF

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, and §§1.97 and 1.98 as amended, Applicant cites, describes, and provides copies of the following art references:

FOREIGN PATENT REFERENCE:

- Japanese Patent Publication No. 2001-103465 to Obara *et al.*, entitled *IMAGE COMPRESSION DEVICE*, published on 13 April 2001.

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OTHER DOCUMENT:

- *Chinese Office Action* from the Chinese Patent Office issued in Applicant's corresponding Chinese Patent Application No. 02120237.0 dated 30 July 2004 (English translation is enclosed).

DISCUSSION

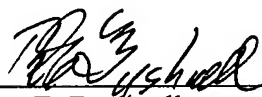
Obara *et al.*'465, which was cited in the Chinese Office action issued by the Chinese Patent Office on the 30th July 2004 in applicant's corresponding Chinese Patent application, discloses that this image compression device consists of an image buffer memory, that cyclically stores digital image of a plurality of channels by each frame, a compression means that selectively takes frame correlation of the images of a plurality of channels stored in this image buffer memory by each channel and a means that arranges the image compressed by this compression means and the in-frame compressed image as a series of groups.

The citation of the foregoing references is not intended to constitute an assertion that other or more relevant art does not exist. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to make a wide-ranging and thorough search of the relevant art.

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(d), the undersigned attorney hereby certifies that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign patent application not more than three(3) months prior to the filing of the statement.

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Respectfully submitted,

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